

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1254-08
Bill No.: Truly Agreed To And Finally Passed HS for HCS for HB 425
Subject: Environmental Protection; Property, Real and Personal; Utilities
Type: Original
Date: May 14, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0 to (Unknown)	\$0 to (Unknown)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Division of Design and Construction** and the **Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission** assumed this proposal would have no direct fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Economic Development - Office of Public Counsel** assume this proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** (MDC) assumed the proposed legislation would not have significant impact on MDC funds.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation** (DHT) assumed no fiscal impact based on the assumption that ownership of property includes fee simple and easement interests.

Officials from the **Department of Natural Resources** (DNR) assume the proposed legislation would have minimal fiscal impact on their agency.

Local Government - Fiscal Impact

Oversight assumes that all municipalities, counties, and county water districts who would have underground facilities would experience some fiscal impact from being required to be members of the notification center. Oversight assumes that any fiscal impact resulting from membership and user fees would not be significant to any one political subdivision. Oversight will show fiscal impact to local governments as \$0 to (Unknown).

Oversight also assumes that Recorder of Deeds would no longer be required to keep registration of owners of underground facilities thereby decreasing the administrative functions currently required.

The county would also experience a reduction in fees currently collected from these recordings. Oversight assumes that the trade off of reduced administrative duties verses the loss of fees would result in zero fiscal impact.

Oversight notes that fiscal impact is reflected starting in FY 03 because per the proposal, the effective date for mandatory participation in the notification center is January 1, 2003.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002	FY 2003 (6 Mo.)	FY 2004
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POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

<u>Costs*</u> - Participation in notification center	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 to</u> <u>(Unknown)</u>
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***Costs to any one political subdivision are not expected to be significant**

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal would impact small businesses which are owners of underground facilities and are not members of the current notification program by adding identification and membership expenses to their operation.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would revise Chapter 319, RSMo, relating to underground facility safety and damage prevention. It would require owners and operators of underground facilities, as defined in section 319.015, which are not members of a notification center (the "one call" center) on August 28, 2001, to become participants in the notification center. Owners and operators of underground facilities located in first and second classification counties would become participants before January 1, 2003. Owners and operators of underground facilities in third and fourth classification counties would become participants before January 1, 2005. Owners or operators who acquired or became responsible for underground facilities after the deadlines would become participants in the notification center within thirty days of acquiring of beginning operation of the facilities.

The proposal would also allow participants in the notification center to withdraw if the inaccuracy rate of the center exceeds specified limits.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not

DESCRIPTION (continued)

require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Conservation
Department of Economic Development - Office of Public Counsel
Department of Economic Development - Public Service Commission
Department of Natural Resources
Department of Transportation
Office of Administration - Division of Design and Construction

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Jeanne Jarrett, CPA
Director
May 14, 2001